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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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A Wonderful and Horrible Thing

A Broadcast on the Heaven and Home Hour
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"A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?"—Jer. 5:30, 31.

It says here in verse 30 that a wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land. This is an unusual thing. If you did not know the following verse, I wonder what you would think this might be. God says a wonderful and a horrible thing is being committed in the land.

Would you think of alcohol? Would you think of gambling? Would you think of crimes of various natures? Is that what you think the horrible thing would be? God describes this thing as wonderful and horrible. It is wonderful because it causes you to wonder why; you cannot imagine the wonder of it and yet it is a horrible thing. It is difficult to try to picture a thing that is wonderful yet horrible. What would you say it was?

Listen to what the prophet Jeremiah has to say. "The prophets (Continued on page 5)



Rev. Clarence Erickson

The KINSEY REPORT in the LIGHT of the BIBLE

by Dr. John S. Wimbish

Calvary Baptist Church, New York City

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."—Rom. 1:21-25.



Dr. John S. Wimbish

Since the turn of the century, a complete revolution has taken place in the thinking of the American masses. The attitudes of millions toward social and moral customs have been greatly altered, especially since World War I.

This radical change in public opinion has been brought forcibly to the attention of our citizenry by the lurid publication with the gaudy yellow jacket which recently came forth from the presses—*Sexual Behavior in the Human Female*.

In the foreword of this book it is frankly admitted that the findings of such a survey could never have

been propagated in the United States fifty years ago.

The author, a fifty-nine-year-old zoologist by the name of Dr. Alfred Charles Kinsey, said he began his sensational studies because the students at the University of Indiana wanted the "real dope on

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Do You Think You Will Go to HEAVEN When You DIE?

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
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"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."—John 14:2-6.

While in a crusade for Christ recently at the First Baptist Church in Warren, Maine, I was handed by the pastor an interesting and enlightening clipping he had taken from the *New York Daily News*. The column was that of the *News' "Inquiring Photographer,"* Jimmy Jemal, who that day had asked six people on the sidewalks of New York the question, "DO YOU THINK YOU WILL GO TO HEAVEN WHEN YOU DIE?"

The first one, a film company representative, answered dogmatically: "Yes. I am sure of it. There must be justice in its true sense. Otherwise there would be no logic to living. Going to Heaven when I die will be but a small recompense for all the dirty deals, yes, I mean dirty deals, that have come my way and made life a hell on earth."

This man's hope for Heaven was grounded upon "justice"; but where is justice in overlooking

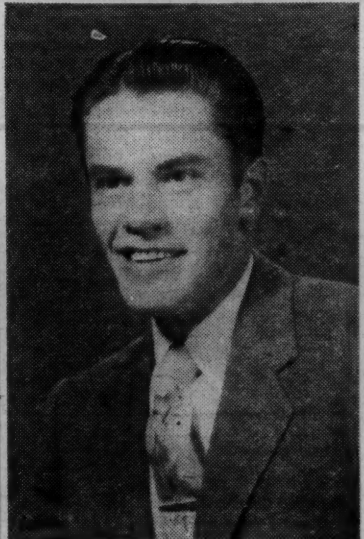
sin, in ignoring the multitudinous transgressions of a normal sinner's life, in letting the unredeemed wicked join in the same glorious Heaven with sinners made righteous through the blood of Christ? Note also his evidence to support his claim of deserving Heaven. He speaks of "dirty deals" and a "hell on earth," but the Bible nowhere offers a single life of scriptural hope for gaining Heaven through suffering mistreatment at the hands of fellow men. Such abuse, whether real or fancied, will not atone for the awful sin of mistreatment in rejecting the dear Saviour, Jesus Christ!

This Hollywoodite further showed his lack of spiritual understanding when he said, "Going to Heaven when I die will be but a small recompense..." What does he think Heaven is, I wonder? Heaven to him will be just a small

payment of what God owes him because men have supposedly given him "dirty deals"!!

The second one interviewed, a bar maid, said: "I don't know. Like most women, I gossip, talk about others behind their backs, and I'm envious and jealous of other women who have more than I. The only thing I wouldn't do that many women do is go out with a married man. Recently I read a book, *The Devil Is a Woman*, and it made sense. Will I go to Heaven?"

This admission, "I don't know," (Continued on page 5)



Robert L. Sumner

Deadline Here!

All Letters to Get Letter-Month Gifts and Bargains Must Be Mailed and Postmarked by Midnight, June 1.

1. To Get Free "Pearls of Paradise" Pamphlet
2. To Get Free Gift Book With \$5 Cash Retail Book or Subscription Order or Gift
3. To Get "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Booklet at Half Price, \$1 Per Hundred, Plus 15c Postage
4. To Get Choice of 11 Best Sermon Books, 4 for \$5 Postpaid

The big red-faced cop on the motorcycle waved our car over to the side of the road. When we stopped he came to the window and said, "Can't you read?" The speed limit was 35 miles an hour in a restricted zone, but I had not seen the sign and had gone 45! Yes, I could read, but I hadn't paid enough attention.

So often we miss what we ought to get by not paying attention and by not reading carefully.

Now you—can't you read? Don't you know this is Sword Letter Month? Don't you know that you should write your letter at once to get free the beautiful pamphlet, *Pearls of Paradise*? We have been telling you for a month—can't you read how you can get free with every \$5.00 order or gift the lovely best-seller book, *Angel Unaware*, by Mrs. Dale Evans Rogers; or the most beautiful book of pictures and poems you ever saw, *Easter IDEALS*; or Dr. R. A. Torrey's wonderful book, *How to Ob-*

tain Fullness of Power; or the editor's book of 174 pages, *All About Christian Giving*? Yes, we have published it and published it, but some people let things slip by. So now I tell you that the deadline is here. You had better write at once and get absolutely free one or more of these lovely books just for a \$5 book or subscription order, or a gift to the Free Literature Fund, the Building Fund, etc. What a pity for you to miss these special gifts and bargains. Won't you write your letter today?

Let me name again what you may get.

1. You May Have the Pictured, Purple-printed Pamphlet, "Pearls of Paradise," Free By Just Writing a Letter

This pamphlet with book size pages has first a marvelous ad-

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15 Wonderful Scriptural Chapters on

Personal Work in SOUL WINNING

By the Late World-Wide Evangelist,
Bible School Builder and Bible Teacher
Dr. R. A. TORREY

Chapter IV

How To Begin

One of the most difficult points in personal work is beginning. It is comparatively easy to go on after one has got an opening.

I. Find the One to Deal With

The first thing is to find the one to deal with. As has already been said, we should pray God to lead us to some one, or some one to us. When we go to church, or when we walk the street, when we are in the park, or on the train, or calling, in a word, whenever we have time that is not demanded by other duties, we should look up to God and definitely ask Him to lead us to the one with whom we are to speak, if it is His will that we employ that time in work for Him.

Further than this, we should be on the lookout for opportunities. A fisherman cultivates a keen eye for opportunities to catch fish; and a soul winner should cultivate a keen eye for opportunities for soul winning. Whenever we are thrown into the company of a man or woman, the great probability is that it is a providential opening, and we should be ready to meet it as such.

It is said of one of the most distinguished Sunday School workers in this country, that he makes it a point whenever he is alone with any individual to speak to him about his soul. The story is told of Uncle John Vassar, that being left alone in a hotel parlor with a strange lady, he at once approached her and began to speak to her about her soul. After he had gone, the woman's husband returned, and she told him what had happened. The husband was in a great rage, and said, "If I had been here, I would have sent him about his business."

His wife replied, "If you had been here, you would have thought he was about his business."

We ought to make soul winning our business, and improve every possible opportunity.

II. Begin a Conversation

Having found your man, begin a conversation. How shall that be done? In the inquiry room, by asking at once a few leading questions to find out just where the man stands. For example: "Are you a Christian?" "Are you saved?" "Have you been born again?" "Upon what do you base

your hope of eternal life?" "Are you confessing Christ openly before the world?" "Have you surrendered all you have and are to Christ?"

Sometimes it is well to begin in this direct way even when you meet some one casually. The question "Are you saved?" is as a general rule a better one to ask than "Are you a Christian?" It is more likely to set one to thinking. It is more definite and pointed. Many will take the asking of such a question as an impertinence, but that will not prove that the question has not done good. Not a few people who have become angry at a stranger putting a question like this to them have afterward been converted in consequence of it.

There are many other questions that one may ask that will set men to thinking and open the way for further conversation. For example you can ask a man, "Do you think that life is worth living?" and after you have engaged him in conversation on this point you can lead him on and tell of the life that really is worth living. Or you can ask an utter stranger, "How do you think a man can get the most real satisfaction out of life?" That is, of course, by accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour. Or you can say to a man, "I have learned the great secret of happiness," and when he asks you what it is, you can tell him. Of course these are only offered as suggestions of ways in which to begin a conversation.

A good way to begin is by handing the person with whom you wish to deal, a well-chosen tract to read. When he has finished the tract, you can ask him what he thinks about it, and thus the way is opened to a conversation on the great subject. It is often well to begin by engaging the person in a general conversation, perhaps on subjects quite remote from religion, and gradually working around to the point. It was thus that Christ engaged the woman of Samaria, making a very simple request of her, that she would give Him a drink (John 4:7), but before long, he was telling

her of the living water. If the person with whom you wish to deal is older than yourself, you might begin by saying, "There is a subject in which I am deeply interested, and I am trying to get all the light upon it that I can; you are much older than I, and perhaps you can help me; the subject is 'How to Be Saved.'"

Showing people little kindnesses very often opens the way for a conversation on the great subject. For example, in a crowded car one can move along and invite some one who is standing to a seat by your side. It is the most natural thing in the world then to get into conversation, and the favor of the person who has been standing is gained, and it will be very easy to lead on to the great subject.

When one is riding, and sees some one else walking, an invitation to the walker to ride will afford a splendid opportunity for approaching him on the subject of his soul's salvation. Mr. Moody made a constant practice of inviting those with whom he wished to deal out riding with him. As he drew near to some quiet spot, he would speak to them of what was upon his heart, and then stop the horse and have a season of prayer. No one can tell how many were thus led to Christ. Sometimes it is well to show the people that you would lead to Christ, kindnesses for days and weeks, and even years, waiting for your opportunity to say a word.

A devoted Chinese missionary who had made great sacrifices to go to that land, was received by the people with bitterest hatred, but he simply gave himself up to live among them and live for them. One by one opportunities came of showing them kindnesses, and after years of self-sacrificing living, he had so won their confidence that it was an easy matter for him to lead them to Christ; but he had to begin by showing them the most ordinary, everyday kindnesses, far away apparently, from the subject that was closest to his heart.

Sometimes a person's face will tell the story of discontent, unhappiness or unrest. In such a case it is easy to ask the person if he is happy, and when he says no, tell him you can tell him of One who can make him happy if he will only take Him.

Tact in beginning will come with experience, but it is better to begin awkwardly than not to begin at all. I do not think that any one could begin more awkwardly in this work than I did with the first person whom I led to Christ. I felt that God wanted me to speak to this young man, and I called on him for that purpose, but when I met him I had not the slightest idea what to say. I talked on and on waiting for an opportunity, and at last blundered out awkwardly what I had come for. God blessed the awkward but honest effort, and the young man was saved, and has become a very active and efficient worker for Christ.

The best way to learn how to do personal work is by doing it, gaining wisdom from your mistakes.

III. Find Out Where the Person With Whom You Are Dealing Stands

Having begun the conversation, find out as soon as possible where the person with whom you are dealing stands. In order to treat a case intelligently, you need just as much as a physician to know just where the man is at present. But how can we find out to what class any person belongs?

I. First of all by asking him questions, such questions as "Are you saved?" "Have you eternal life?" "Have you been born again?" "Do you know that you are a great sinner before God?" "Do you know that your sins are forgiven?" Or you can ask a person directly, "Where do you stand, what do you believe?" He may answer these questions untruthfully, either from ignorance or a desire to mislead you, nevertheless the answers and his manner of



The editor has been in blessed services with the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, May 9-12, with many preachers, much heart-searching and rededication. We go May 13-16 to the large Mid-City Baptist Church in New Orleans with Pastor Paul Driscoll.

Read Evangelist Robert Sumner's Sermon

In this issue be sure to read the sermon, "Do You Think You Will Go to Heaven When You Die?" Brother Sumner comes to the Sword of the Lord as a staff evangelist in June. He is a strong Bible preacher, sound in the faith, Spirit-filled, effective. Pastors and groups who want him for revival services should address him % Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois.

Remember also that Evangelist Joe Miller, the brilliant and powerful evangelist of Maple Avenue, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, is available for revivals in July and August under the sponsorship of the Sword of the Lord.

Evangelist Hugh Pyle, assistant to Editor John R. Rice, will be available for some revival campaigns also. Address him % Sword of the Lord.

Will You Join "Gideon's 300"?

We are greatly concerned, naturally, to raise the \$44,000 which must be paid on the Presby-

giving them will show you a great deal about his real state.

2. By watching the inquirer's face. A man's face will often reveal that which his words try to conceal. Any one who cultivates a study of the faces of those with whom he deals, will soon be able to tell in many instances their exact state irrespective of anything they may say.

3. By observing his tone and manner. A man's tone or his manner often tells more than his words. A man who is not saved will very likely tell you that he is, but his tone and manner will reveal plainly that he is not. If one gets angry at you for asking these questions, that of itself reveals an uneasy conscience.

4. By the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, if we look to Him to do it, will often flash into our minds a view of the man's position, and just the Scripture that He needs.

IV. Lead Person As Directly As We Can to Accept Jesus Christ

When we have learned where the person with whom we are dealing stands, the next thing to do is to lead him as directly as we can to accept Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour, and to surrender to Him as his Lord and Master. We must always bear in mind that the primary purpose of our work is not to get people to join the church, or to give up their bad habits, or to do anything else than this, to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour, the One who bore their sins in His own body on the tree, and the One through whom they can have immediate and entire forgiveness, and as their Master to whom they surrender absolutely the guidance of their thoughts, purposes, feelings and actions.

V. Show From God's Word That He Has Forgiveness and Eternal Life

Having led any one to thus accept Christ, the next step will be to show him from God's Word that he has forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Acts 10:43; 13:39; John 3:36; 5:24 will answer for this purpose.

VI. Show Him How to Succeed As a Christian

The next step will be to show him how to make a success of the Christian life upon which he has entered.

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terian Church property in Wheaton August 1. The church building, two large resident houses included, are in downtown Wheaton, August 1. The church and we are purchasing them as the site for an adequate office building which we hope to erect.

I am asking 300 people to give \$100 each by August 1. I am asking some others to join me and Mrs. Rice in giving \$500 to be "captains" in Gideon's band. Thousands of others we know will give \$1, \$5, \$10, \$25, or \$50. Will you be one of the Gideon's band of 300? See Walter Handford's article and the coupon in this issue. Will you let us hear from you?

Frank Word About BOOZE

There probably has never been a franker advertisement in the world than that which was made by one James M. Lawrence, who opened 'The Naked Truth Saloon' in Boise, Idaho, on February 24, 1886, and who ran an advertisement in the Boise Democrat of that date as follows:

"Friends and Neighbors: Having just opened a commodious shop for the sale of liquid fire, I embrace this opportunity of informing you that I have commenced the business of making drunkards, paupers and beggars for the sober, industrious and respectable portion of the community to support. I shall deal in family spirits which will incite men to deeds of riots, robbery and bloodshed, and by so doing diminish the comfort, augment the expenses, and endanger the welfare of the community.

"I will on short notice, for a sum, and with great expectations, undertake to prepare victims for the asylums, poor farms, prisons and gallows.

"I will furnish an article that will increase accidents, multiply the number of distressing diseases, and render those who are harmless incurable.

"I will deal in drugs which will deprive some of life, many of reason, most of property, and all of their peace, which will cause fathers to become fiends, and wives widows, and children to become orphans and all mendicants.

"I will cause many of the rising generation to grow up in ignorance and prove a burden and a nuisance to the nation. I will cause mothers to forget their offspring, and cruelty to take the place of love.

"I will sometimes corrupt the ministers of religion, defile the purity of the Church, and cause temporary spiritual and eternal death, and if any be so impertinent as to ask me why I have the audacity to bring such accumulated misery upon the people, my honest reply is, 'Money.' The spirit trade is lucrative and some professing Christians give their cheerful countenance.

"From the U. S. government I have purchased the right to demolish the character, destroy the health, and shorten the lives and ruin the souls of those who choose to honor me with their custom.

"I pledge myself to do all that I have promised. Those who wish any of the evils before specified brought upon themselves or their dear friends, are requested to meet me at my bar where I will for a few cents furnish them with the certain means of doing so."

If these words applied 67 years ago, they apply equally today.



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the editor ANSWERS

Bible questions answered—Where do sword profits go? Answer to infidel who claimed there have been fifteen so-called saviors, etc.

They Still Are Not Alike!

From Atmore, Alabama, Mr. Levi Bontrager writes the editor as follows:

"Dear Friend:
"Believing you have a firm stand against women wearing slacks or trousers, according to Deuteronomy 22:5—But how do you explain the difference in this verse 5 to verses 9 or 11 and 12, and possibly others in this same chapter? We have women in our church who wear overalls at times who have for their excuses that we do not hold on to those mentioned verses like sowing various seeds together or wearing garments with linen and wool. Why should we observe verse 5? Would you explain to me?"

The Editor's Answer

Dear Brother Bontrager:

I am glad to have your letter. You asked why we should think Deuteronomy 22:5 applies to this age while in the same chapter, verses 9 to 12 are regarded as ceremonial law. You want to know why we should still observe the command, "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God," while we do not regard the command as applying to us now not to sow a vineyard with divers seeds, not to plow with an ox and an ass together, not to wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woollen and linen together, etc. That is a good, honest question and I think I can help you.

The Old Testament does not separate moral law and ceremonial law, so in the same chapter we may have a command for Jews to be circumcised and a command against murder. In the Ten Commandments themselves we have the moral law but we also have the ceremonial law about the Jewish Sabbath. The way to know which was ceremonial, for Jews only and which has moral implications for all the race, in all times, is to find which principles are taught in the New Testament.

Colossians 2:14-17 plainly tells us that the ceremonial laws are nailed to the cross, the Jewish dietary law concerning what Jews were to eat and drink; the new moons, the feast days and the Sabbath days are done away and that Christians are not to be judged by them nor held accountable for them. Other New Testament Scriptures plainly say that Christians are not to circumcise their sons, not to have animal sacrifices, not to have a priesthood, etc.

However, on the relations of men and women to each other and the distinction between the sexes, the New Testament has exactly the same clear stand as the Old Testament. Note the following teachings.

1. Women are still to be in obedience to their own husbands and so to "keep silence in the churches." And this command, we are told, is simply a continuation of the Old Testament teaching, "as also saith the law" (I Cor. 14:34). Here the Bible doctrine about the relation of the sexes is said to be the same as in the law, that is, in the Old Testament and in the New Testament.

2. This distinction between men and women is inherent in the very nature of the sexes, we are told. First Timothy 2:9-15 says:

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broidered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. Let the women learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the trans-

gression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety."

Please note that because of the way they were created, with Adam having authority over Eve and because Eve was deceived in the fall, the relation of the sexes is determined for both Old and New Testament times.

Please note also in verses 9, 10 that a woman's place of subjection to her husband or father should be indicated by her modest dress. So the Old Testament teaching about dress and the New Testament teaching about dress have this same thought.

3. In I Corinthians 11:1-16 we are plainly told that this distinction between the sexes is to be maintained in the way the hair is worn. A woman is to have long hair for it is given her for a veil or a covering and it is a glory to her (vs. 15). But if a man have long hair, it is a shame for him (vs. 14).

Thus we plainly see that the Old Testament distinction that men and women are not to dress alike because they are not alike is carried over into the New Testament. A woman is to take a woman's place and dress like a woman; a man is to take a man's place and dress like a man. Neither their clothes nor their hair arrangement is to be alike.

So God had a general principle in mind when He gave Deuteronomy 22:5, that the woman should not wear that which pertaineth to a man, and a man should not wear that which pertaineth to a woman.

Even if Deuteronomy 22:5 were not in the Bible, the Christian would know that men and women are not to dress alike and not to wear their hair alike, and they are not to act alike as far as authority is concerned.

In the Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice

An Infidel Answered

My dear Mr. H—:

In my work as college teacher, editor, and preacher, I have met personally, or have met by correspondence, a good number of blow-hards like yourself. Don't you know that intelligent, educated people are bound to check up on you sometime? In my case I do not need to check up—I have done that years ago. You foolishly say, "The origin of the story of the mythical Christ is identical to that of an Egyptian saviour hundreds of years before that of Jesus Christ. Since the Egyptian story, there have been fifteen other stories of saviors; that of Christ being the sixteenth. All copied one from the other, all identically the same, and all of them crucified."

It happens that I know the infidel ignoramus who published that silly lie, and a lie it is, so palpably false that I do not believe any educated person in the world believes it, and I know that no scholar even pretends to believe anything of the kind.

Now if what you say were true, it would be recorded so clearly that anybody could find it. All right: then give me the name of the book, the chapter, and the page in any ancient Egyptian literature, tell where it is now in a museum, tell who translated it, give the name of the savior, give the date of his birth, give me any details of his teaching, give the account of his crucifixion, and when it happened. You flourisher, you cannot give it.

Now tell me the names of the other fourteen so-called saviors. Tell me the ancient authority for each one. Tell me the date of their birth or any sacred writings left that describe them, or any inscriptions and where they are now kept, who translated them, where the account may be found in any library or museum in the world. If you are an honest man, you will admit that you were hood-

winked by another ignoramus, and that you cannot give any such proof. If you are not honest and still want to remain in your sins, you will just blow and quote somebody's lies without giving any evidence. There is no such evidence. I assure you, as an educated man, college teacher, editor, author, a student in this matter for thirty years, that there is no such evidence in the world of literature. It is not in the Koran. It is not in the sacred literature of India. It is not on the inscriptions at Thebes or Memphis in Egypt. It is not in the papyri, discovered in Egypt. It is not in the Tel-El-Amarna tablets. It is not in the Hittite inscriptions. It is not in the Code of Hammurabi. It is not found in the clay tablets of Babylonia. It is not found in the writings of Confucius. It is not found in the Polynesian legends. That foolish idea of other saviors, born like Christ, crucified like Christ, is the manufacture of a deliberate deceiver and is quoted by ignoramuses who want to believe that lie, and do not care enough about the truth to check it and see.

If you do not believe me, read it in the Encyclopedia Britannica and tell me what pages of what volumes it is found in. There is no such record. Nor is it found in any other encyclopedia of the world.

Where will such idle talk, such silly inventions get you? It does not interest any intelligent, educated man. It only shows you up for what you are. Why would you want to tell such things? And after all, you must eventually meet God and give an account for your sins. Why not repent of them and then you will have no trouble in believing the Bible and in finding out if Christ is the real Saviour that He claims to be.

In the Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice

1. Was the Times of the Gentiles Fulfilled in 1948 When the Israel Nation Was Recognized?
2. Was Paul Wrong in Expecting Christ to Return Before a Modern Treading-Down of Jerusalem?
3. Would Preaching of the Second Coming Alone Bring About a Revival?

1. You ask, "Am I wrong in believing that the times of the Gentiles were fulfilled when Israel became a free nation back a few years ago..."

ANSWER: Yes, you are wrong. It is clear that the times of the Gentiles are not fulfilled, because Luke 21, verse 27 says, "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." So Christ's second coming is the only thing that can end the times of the Gentiles. Christ has not yet returned, and the times of the Gentiles has not yet been fulfilled. No one will have any doubt when the times of the Gentiles are really fulfilled.

2. You say, "I also wonder why Paul had been so eagerly looking for the second coming of Christ when Jesus spoke the above words years before. Didn't Paul know that Jerusalem must be first trodden down by the Gentiles?"

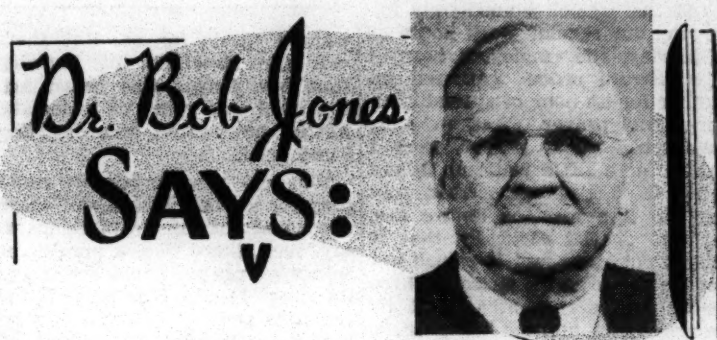
ANSWER: You are mistaken in supposing that Jesus meant that at some future time Jerusalem would be once and for all trodden under foot. No, what Jesus is saying is that even in His own day Jerusalem was held by the Gentiles. The Jews were not an independent nation. That state continues today. Even now Gentiles rule Jerusalem and walk through Jerusalem. That little nation of unregenerate Jews, with their communistic principles, who by assassination and bloody war went back to seize part of Palestine, is not true Israel. That is not the restoration of the nation Israel as foretold in the Bible. And they do not even control the city of Jerusalem. It is still largely in Gentile hands. So Jerusalem is still trodden down by the Gentiles. And that will be true after the rapture of the saints and on through the great Tribulation time until people see Christ return in person to reign on the earth. So in this matter Paul was right, and I will have to take his side. He was

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Will He Slight Thy Faint Crying?

Sparrow, He guardeth thee;
Never a flight but thy wings He upholdeth;
Never a night but thy rest He enfoldeth;
Safely He guardeth thee.
Lily, He robeth thee;
Though thou must fade, by the Summer bemoaned,
Thou art arrayed, fair as monarch enthroned,
Spotless, He robeth thee.
Hear, thou of little faith:
Sparrow and lily are soulless and dying;
Deathless art thou, will He slight thy faint crying?
Trust, thou of little faith!

—Robert Gilbert Welsh.



A number of years ago, when Bob Jones University was Bob Jones College and located in Cleveland, Tennessee, I was sitting on the campus one day talking to Mr. J. S. Mack, president of the G. C. Murphy Corporation. Mr. Mack had made several generous contributions to the school which I founded.

Mr. Mack said, "Dr. Bob, do you know how I got interested in the school and why I am helping you financially?"

I said, "Well, you are a Christian man and you are interested in the kind of work we are doing."

He said, "Yes, I am, but I am especially interested in your work, and here is the reason: When you held a revival meeting in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, just before you founded the school, I attended a number of the meetings. We had at that time just bought the Murphy Stores. One night I came to the tabernacle and couldn't get a seat. I was standing over against the wall during the song service and was planning to stand until you were through preaching. While the choir was singing, you left the platform and came down where I was and told me that there was a preacher's chair on the platform just behind you and that this preacher would not be there and to come on and take the seat. I came on up to the platform and sat down just behind you. While the choir and congregation were singing a number, I heard you talking. I thought you were practicing the sermon. I leaned over to listen just a little more carefully, and you were praying. You were saying, 'Jesus, help me. Help me to preach the Gospel with power. Help me to say something to get hold of these sinners. I am a psalm-singing Presbyterian, and that prayer sounded very informal, and I had never heard anybody pray just like that; so while you were praying and I was listening, I made up my mind that you at least were sincere; and I said to myself, 'If I ever make any money, I am going to help that man if he needs help for any work he is doing.'"

I said, "Mr. Mack, theologically, my prayer was not up to standard. You are right to pray to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ the Son. When I get in a tight, I cannot be very formal."

Mr. Mack said, "I do not know anything about theology; but ever since that night, I have been praying to Jesus the same way. When an emergency comes, I just ask Jesus to help me."

"Now," he said, "Dr. Bob, I am making money and am able to help you; so whenever you want to put up a building, go on and put it up; and send me the bill. I know I can trust you."

Well, anybody that has carried the burden I have had to carry can imagine how I felt. The financial strain seemed to be lifted. But in six weeks, Mr. Mack died; and I went up to Pennsylvania to take part in the funeral. I told some friends when I came back about what Mr. Mack had said to me about helping us financially; and they said, "It is a terrible thing for Bob Jones College that he died."

I said, "No, it wasn't a bad thing. I quit trusting Mr. Mack and went back to trusting the Lord." By the way, in passing, I would like to say that Mr. Mack did remember the school in his will; and we thank God for all He did for us through this good friend.

My friends, this is the point I wish to make: Mr. Mack was moved to help Bob Jones University because he heard me pray. He was interested in the spiritual approach. As I look back over the years, I find that every bit of help we have had in carrying on Bob Jones University has been given to us because of the spiritual approach of the institution.

I have learned a great deal in my lifetime. God's good, faithful, orthodox Christian people have enough money to carry on God's work. God supplies the financial needs of spiritual institutions and spiritual causes through spiritual people who have a spiritual approach. We wish to thank all of the spiritual Christian friends who have helped us carry on the work of Bob Jones University. We want to thank you not only for the financial gifts you have made but also for your prayers. We want to thank you for co-operating with us in lining up the right kind of students so we can send out into the world the right kind of well-trained, Spirit-led Christian young people. We are looking to God's people who have spiritual apprehension and spiritual understanding to help us in the work we are doing.

When you read this statement, this school year will be closed or will be closing. We are glad to tell you that we have had the most wonderful year spiritually we have ever had. God has done marvelous things for us. We have never had more satanic attacks any other year. Yet we have never had more spiritual blessings. Our hearts are filled with praises to God. We are trusting God, and we know that God will lead His faithful people to continue helping us carry on the work of Bob Jones University. We will be glad to hear from you. May God bless you.

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An All-Night Prayer Meeting For Sword Building Fund

By Rev. Walter Handford, Vice-President
Sword of the Lord Foundation

On Thursday, May 6, the workers here at the Sword of the Lord office banded together for a special season of prayer for the Building Fund. The need for \$44,000 to pay on our new piece of property for the new Sword office building has weighed on our hearts very heavily. I have been especially concerned that God would give wisdom and ideas as to how to raise this money. Frankly, I have been overwhelmed at the thought of needing such a large sum as \$44,000 in such a short time. I have seen the Lord answer our prayers for \$7,500 in a time of deep need, and I have seen Him send \$17,000 in answer to our special prayer for the Building Fund in November and December. But I have never had to rely on the Lord for so large an amount in so short a time.

At five o'clock immediately following our regular work hours on Thursday, the employees here at the Sword office gathered together for an hour of special challenge and prayer. First, we sang two songs about prayer, then I spoke for a little while on James 5:17, 18. "Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit."

This has always been a great challenge to me. Somehow, we have the idea that the saints of old and especially Bible heroes were men of special abilities, special talent, or special faith. But this wonderful Scripture tells us that Elijah "was a man subject to like passions as we are." In other words, Elijah had the same temptations to doubt the Lord, to be too busy to pray, and to become discouraged, but the secret of Elijah's success was that he went ahead and prayed anyhow. This came as a deep challenge to all of us at the gathering before our special prayer time.

Then we mentioned the request of \$44,000, pointed out what a large sum of money it was and that we had no earthly organization to go to, no denomination to back us up, but only the Lord and His friends. Through that hour from five to six many prayed fervently that the Lord would help us in this serious need. Some prayed that God would show us here at the Sword what we could do to help about the Building Fund and others prayed that we might have the faith to believe God for this matter.

We had made out a chart on which the workers had signed up to pray for one hour during the period from six o'clock on that Thursday evening until eight o'clock the next morning. There were six of the women who prayed from six until seven. Then, one girl had the hour from seven to eight, four folks prayed from eight until nine, and so on, through the night. For some of these hours there was only one person praying especially here at the office for the Building Fund but always there was someone keeping this request before the Lord. Then, too, Dr. and Mrs. Rice and Miss Viola were praying especially with us where they were. Dave Frost, our wholesale salesman, said he too would remember this special season of prayer as he was on his way to the East Coast selling our books.

I believe that for all of us who took part in this special time of prayer, it greatly increased our faith as we laid hold on the Lord for this special prayer burden. I always pity folks who have never had to completely rely on the Lord. They never know the sweetness of complete dependence and trust in our heavenly Father to provide our needs. As my wife and I prayed in the special prayer meeting (we had the hour from six until seven in the morning), we had to confess to the Lord that we had not been everything that He had wanted us to be. We had to tell Him that we had many times lacked the faith to believe Him about many things He had

wanted to do for us. But there was the sweetness of knowing that our prayer was heard and that God was going to undertake for us now about this Building Fund need.

You may wonder how we could pray for a whole hour about these needs and not run out of things to say. Well, there were a number of things we prayed about beside the Building Fund. We prayed for Dr. Rice and the heavy duties he has in getting out THE SWORD OF THE LORD each week. We prayed for Dr. McCall and Mr. Frost who were away representing us. We prayed for a new printer who is coming to take up his duty with us soon. Many prayed for the salvation of souls through the paper. But always there was the earnest plea that God would hear and answer our prayer about the Building Fund need.

Many folks would not have taken the venture of faith that we did and sign the contract for the purchase of a piece of property with no money at hand. Many folks wouldn't have had the faith to believe that God could answer our prayer for \$66,000 as we did. But we did this because we "mean business" about expanding this ministry which is reaching so many souls around the world for

the Lord Jesus. We believe that it takes desperate measures to reach a dark world and we plan to take these desperate measures whenever necessary.

We mean "business" here at The Sword of the Lord, but I wonder if you really mean "business" for Him? Many have been giving sacrificially to the Building Fund for the Sword of the Lord Foundation. I see every day gifts coming to the office for \$1.00 or \$2.00 or more from folks who really do "mean business" about the expansion work for this soul-winning ministry. But, maybe, you have had no part with us for this particular need.

The Lord could send the \$44,000 to us like manna from Heaven but this is not likely. What He wants to do is to lay it on your heart to help with this Building Fund Program and answer the prayers of the workers here at The Sword of the Lord. We have already paid \$22,000 on our new building site. The opportunity to purchase this property arose under the direct leading of the Lord and has been His obvious will for us. Now the remaining \$44,000 must be paid on August 1 of this year. Won't you take this opportunity to be used of the Lord to answer this earnest prayer from our hearts? We believe that God wants to raise up 300 folks who will become a Gideon's Band to give \$100 each by August 1. Then, we are looking for 8 people who will give \$500 apiece by August 1 and be captains in this Gideon's Band. Then, of course, we are looking for hundreds of our friends who will join by giving smaller gifts to complete the payment needed of \$44,000. Won't you fill out the special coupon below and send it in to show us that you want to have a part in this heavy burden?

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Rev. Walter Handford
Sword of the Lord Foundation
Wheaton, Illinois

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Prayer

Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will avail to make!
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take!
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!
We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;
We rise, and all, the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear;
We kneel, how weak! we rise, how full of power!
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others—that we are not always strong—
That we are sometimes overborne with care—
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled—when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee?

—Richard C. Trench



By Grace Rice MacMullen

Have you ever noticed how inappropriate some of the titles of our hymns are, as listed in the hymn book? Somebody has called attention to the one we call, "Take My Life and Let It Be," pointing out that for many of us, that is just what we mean. We say to the Lord, "Take my life—make me a Christian and forgive my sins... but then let me alone. Let me live my own life as I want to. Don't expect to control my life!" Some of us are willing to trust Christ for salvation, but we want to keep the reins of our own lives. We want to still make decisions for ourselves; we sometimes decide without seeking the will of God. What a tragedy for a Christian who says to God, "Take My Life and Let It Be..." and stops there! We should go on, as the song goes....

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

And this is where it begins to get hard for some of us!

Take my silver and my gold—not a mite would I withhold,

Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.

May the dear Lord help us to mean it when we sing it, and not ever, for a moment, stop after, "Take my Life and Let It Be."

I saw a very interesting article the other day in an English Christian paper, the *Christian Herald*. The title was, "Can Hymns Be Harmful?" Surprising? Yes, to me. I wouldn't have been surprised if they had questioned many other things, but it was hard for me to imagine what they meant by hymns being harmful. You'll be interested, I think, in some of the thoughts in this challenging article, and I would like to quote a few paragraphs of it for you here.

"What did you like best in the service this evening, Jim?" asked a young man of a friend he had at last persuaded to go with him to God's house.

"The hymns, of course," was the prompt reply. "There was quite a lot in the rest of the service which I was not able to follow, but I always enjoy a good sing."

"It seems impossible to say too much in praise of hymns. Ever since 'the morning stars sang together,' the children of men have instinctively expressed their deepest emotions in hymns and Psalms and spiritual songs. God sent His Only Begotten Son into the world to the accompaniment of angel voices lifted in joyous praise, and Heaven's perfect joy is crowned by the Song of Moses and the Lamb. The revival of religion in England in the eighteenth century owed much to the revival of hymn-singing which went with it, for the saving truths of the Gospel were put into glowing words the ordinary people learned to use and love.

"In view of all this, the question, 'Can hymns be harmful?' may seem unnecessary and out of place. It rose, however, from a remark recently made by a sincere and thoughtful Christian who said he was afraid that in some circumstances hymns do more harm than good. One person who heard this disturbing statement took counsel with a number of intelligent young Christians, and here are the results of their prayerful consideration.

"It is certainly possible to 'enjoy' a hymn without paying any attention whatever to its message or its facts. God moves in a mysterious way, and perhaps He sometimes uses even thoughtless singing to His glory and the good of souls. The fact remains that great words, which ought to challenge and inspire, too often end in nothing more than a pleasurable and passing emotion."

In fact, the author of the article goes on to state, "the very enjoyment of a hymn, if it is only superficial, may act as an anaesthetic, lulling the singer into a false sense of security and deadening him to his own deep spiritual needs...."

"It is possible for religious people, as well as for unbelievers, to be superficial in their use of even the best of hymns, and thus heap up for themselves reproach rather than blessedness."

Then two striking examples are given from the Bible. "In the days of our Lord, Pharisees and scribes joined regularly in singing the Psalms of David. Not all of them were blatantly insincere, but because they did not sing with the spirit and the understanding they also brought about the crucifixion of David's Greater Son.

"The disciples were not entirely immune from a similar failing and it brought a nemesis of its own. On the eve of His Passion the Lord Jesus spoke plainly of the woes which were about to overtake Him

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A Wonderful and Horrible Thing

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prophecy falsely and the priests bear rule by their means and my people love to have it so." This is an unusual text and perhaps it will not please you as well as some others might do, but this is what God says is a wonderful and a horrible thing.

First, the prophets prophesied falsely. This means that the preachers are preaching falsely. It says also, that the priests—the ones in authority—are bearing rule by their means. In other words, by the money that they possess. Then God goes on to say, "...and my people love to have it so." To put this into our everyday language it means simply this: The preachers preach falsely. The Bible says that in the end times the people will have itching ears. They will love to hear things that will tickle their ears and tickle their fancy. People will not want the truth; they will want a lie. They love not the truth and therefore God sends them the lie. Strange but true!

Yes, even some preachers preach falsely. I had one preacher say to me, "If I dared to preach the truth, my church would fire me overnight. In other words, the priests bear rule by their means, those in authority would withhold the money necessary. So "the preachers preach falsely and the priests bear rule by their means and my people love to have it so." God says this is a wonderful and horrible thing.

There is preaching today that tells you that you are all right as long as you are sincere. It tells you that some go one road and some go another but we are all headed for the same place and God is the Father of us all. That my friend, is false preaching and false teaching.

You who have listened to our broadcast over the years know that we are not in the business of fighting churches, we are not in the business of fighting preachers, but if a thing is wrong it is just as wrong in the church or in the preacher as it is in any individual. There is not one standard for one and another standard for the other. I believe that the ministers of the Gospel should by all means preach the truth, even though the truth might be convicting. Some people do not want the truth.

I was in a certain church in California a number of years ago as a young man. The minister said to me before the service, "We have a very fine church and a lot of fine people and I would like to ask you before you preach to please not say anything about the liquor traffic."

Now if he hadn't mentioned it, I perhaps would not have said a word about it, because I would most likely have never thought about it. I was going to speak in the Sunday morning service and it would not have occurred to me to preach anything about the liquor habit. I said, "Why don't you want me to say anything on that subject?" Then he said, "One of the members of our church is the president of a distillery, so we wouldn't want to hurt his feelings because he is one of the biggest givers in our church." That preacher was afraid to speak the truth for fear of hurting the man who was giving the money.

My friend, I would rather preach the truth and not have one single person with money ever attend. I would rather preach it and know

that it was the truth. God said, "The priest bear rule by their means and my people love to have it so." People love to be told that they are all right; they don't like to be reminded of their failures and their sins. They want someone to sugar coat the words and tell them that they are all right. They want someone to say, "None of us are perfect, all of us make some mistakes. There is a little good and a little bad in all of us" (and this much is true). BUT when we speak the Word of God we say, "Thus saith the Lord."

I have been asked by many people what I think of the new translation of the Bible. There are many translations and I like some of them quite well but there is one thing that has been changed and I do not like this. In the King James version it says, "Thus saith the Lord." This is authority, it is final. The other translation puts it "the Lord said." It may seem to be the same thing but I like the style that says, "Thus saith the Lord." The church must preach the Word of God as it stands in Scripture. I cannot say a thing is right when I know it is not right. I must say what is in the Scripture. I believe that every minister who stands behind the pulpit is held accountable for preaching what the Word of God has to say. You might hurt somebody's feelings, but what of it? Would it not be better to hurt their feelings and tell men the truth?

If you go to a doctor, you want him to tell you the truth. If you have a serious disease, you don't want him to tell you the sickness doesn't amount to anything. He might just as well tell you the truth and then treat you and perhaps cure you. There is nothing gained by lying to you about it. If it is a hopeless case, some times the doctor feels that it is best not to tell the patient because of causing discouragement, but even this can be carried too far.

I was in the hospital once visiting a man who was not right with God. His doctor told me that the man did not have a chance in the world of pulling through. I asked the doctor if he had told the man of his condition and he said "No, I have not." I asked the doctor if he thought I should tell the man but his answer was "No, I do not."

Do You Think You Will Go to...?

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was the most honest answer given by any of the six interviewed. Noteworthy is the fact that this honky-tonk woman realized that gossip, envy, jealousy, back-biting and other acts of "respectable" people are terrible sins in the sight of Almighty God! Yet, in spite of the fact that she does everything in the book but go out with married men, this bar maid seems to think she has a good chance to spend eternity in God's House!

The third one interviewed, an owner of a bar and grill, declared boldly: "Yes, indeed, just as sure as the good Lord has mercy in His heart, I'm going through hell now. I was forced out of my old place of business, where I had been for years. It's hard for my customers to become accustomed to my new place. I've always tried to do the right thing, and there must be some reward."

Like the first man, he is "sure" because he is "going through hell now." However, while the first man claimed "justice," this one claims "mercy" for the same identical reason! In all fairness, though, note that this man crying "mercy" at the start closes by pleading "some reward," or merit, the direct opposite of mercy!

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I told him that I thought the man ought to know, or at least his wife ought to know.

When I went into the man's room he asked me what the doctor had to say about his condition, and I answered honestly "The doctor says you don't have much chance. In fact, he said you don't have any chance. I am telling you because I want you to get right with God." He looked at me a moment, then he said, "Thank you, Mr. Erickson. I want to make it right." I would much rather tell a man the truth than to have him go out into eternity not knowing, not ready to go. But people love to have it so.

Jeremiah 6:14 says, "They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace." You could not do greater damage to a person than to tell him that there is peace when there is no peace. To tell him that he is all right when you know that he is not all right. You may not think that it makes any difference but the Bible tells us that it does make a difference. God asks, "What will ye do in the end thereof?" When it comes to the end, then what will you do about it? I would rather be disliked for telling the truth and go into eternity knowing that I had told people the truth. I would rather be anything else in the world than to be a preacher who did not tell the truth.

"What will ye do in the end thereof." What of those people who think they are all right? Those whom the preachers have told they are all right? Telling does not make it so and when that person comes to the end he will want to know the truth.

Jeremiah 6:16 says, "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." People today are trying to find short cuts, easy ways. They want to make millions overnight, they want to make a fast dollar. We have lost our principles, our honesty. People want to get into Heaven the fast way. But Jesus said that if a man tries to come some other way he is a thief and a robber. There is only one way to God and that is through Jesus Christ.

A man wrote to us one day and asked us why since there are so many religious services on the air that we feel we must continue (Continued on page 7)

29). And, in describing the Son of God, it says, "In righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire. . . he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God . . . out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God" (Rev. 19: 11-15).

The fifth one interviewed, a Brooklyn salesman, said: "It isn't just as easy as saying yes or no. There's some doubt about it. There's an old expression, 'Heaven for climate and Hell for company.' I've always preferred company to climate, and if that's the way it is, I'll be with many of my friends for a long time."

This is the answer of sarcastic infidelity and folly. Note two grievous errors in the salesman's banter: First, he said, "It isn't just as easy as saying yes or no." But it is! This question is as simply answered as one like, "Are you married?" or, "Are you male or female?" As a matter of fact, the only way it can be answered is by yes or no!

The second grievous error was when he laughingly quoted the expression, "Heaven for climate and Hell for company." There is no company, no companionship of any favorable sort in Hell. Hell is a land of torment and despair; a place completely devoid of any love or any enjoyment, regardless of its nature. The torments of Hell leave no room or hope for companionship!

The sixth and last person interviewed that day was a radio station worker. This lady replied to Jemal's query: "Only God knows that, but I have hopes. I've never killed anyone, I never stole anything and I have never desired another woman's husband. Of course that is all negative and I know I should do something positive to enter the sacred kingdom. I'm still very young and I hope I'll have a lot of time to think and act."

This resident of Manhattan made her first mistake in saying that "only God knows" who will go to Heaven. The Lord Jesus Christ made it perfectly clear to His disciples in Luke 10:20 that folks could and should know they were Heaven-bound, and that that knowledge should bring great joy. Said He, "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

The beloved Apostle John adds his inspired 'Amen!' to this certainty when he wrote in I John 5:13, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

This sixth spokesman stated, "I have hopes," but all her hopes were based upon "works." She gloried in the fact that she had never killed, never stolen, and had never coveted another woman's husband. Future plans were only for piling up multiplied human "works of righteousness" to present to God as a basis for Heaven and eternal life.

Did you notice that of the six interviewed by the roving reporter, not a one even remotely referred to Jesus Christ? Yet our text in John 14 plainly declares He alone is the way to Heaven. And as we read in Colossians 1:27, "... Christ in you, the hope of

glory." Men without Christ are described by God as "having no hope" (Eph. 2:12). They have nothing to base their confidence upon, whether "mercy," "justice," "works," "righteousness," "God is good," "God is love," or anything else! Any way which leaves out Christ ends in destruction—it is the way of death, doom and damnation!

Last year a reliable, independent research firm took a nation-wide survey of the religious habits and beliefs of Americans. Their figures showed that 99% believed in God. I think it would be fair to say that the very great majority of this number, if not all, feel that they will someday enter some kind of a Heaven prepared by this God. Yet what saith the Scripture?

In His famous Sermon on the Mount, the Son of God emphatically stated, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." In language just as plain as day, our Saviour said that the vast majority of people reaching the age of accountability would be lost and go to Hell, that only a few would be saved and go to Heaven!

A few weeks ago an elderly lady became very indignant over my remark that most of the people in the world were "bad." She bluntly stated that she much preferred to think the majority of her fellow men were good people. If I followed preference, I would think the same; but to follow the scriptural teaching that it is impossible to call an unsaved man good, that most of mankind remain unsaved, it is necessary to admit man's depravity.

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Do You Think You Will Go to . . . ?

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Die?" let us observe first of all that,

Only God Can Say Who Will Enter Heaven!

He has the right of ownership—it is His Heaven! No one else has the right to tell another what he can do with his own property. I cannot tell you who can enter your home, who can live in your house; nor can you tell me who should be permitted to enter my home or live with me there. In exactly the same manner no mortal has the right to tell God what He can or cannot do with His heavenly home, who can live there for eternity or who must be barred.

God built Heaven Himself. He has a clear title to the foursquare city; there is no mortgage, no claim against it by anyone. He prepared it especially for His own, for those who would lovingly accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. You may be sure He will permit no intruder taking over that which has been prepared for His love! Would you? Neither will He!

You see, dear friend, God can make entrance into Heaven upon any ground He so desires. The sovereignty of God insists that He take counsel from no one, that none "instruct Him" or "show to him the way of understanding" (Isa. 40:13, 14). It would be well to read and re-read Romans 9:14-24, noting especially that 20th verse: "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?"

Whether you like His way or not, it is final! Your dislike or disagreement doesn't change it or alter it. In all love and with deep tenderness, I suggest you go God's way. Trust Christ!

Another Bible truth important to remember as we seek to answer Jimmy Jemall's question is,

God Has Only One Way to Enter Heaven!

There never has been but one way for deliverance and that is God's way! The Word of God abounds with illustrations of this truth. For example, there was no deliverance in Noah's day except by God's way—inside the Ark! There was no deliverance in Moses' day but by God's way—blood on the doorpost! There was no deliverance in Rahab's day but through God's way—a scarlet cord hanging from the window. Neither was there deliverance in Lot's day but by God's way—fleeing the cursed city ripe for judgment of wrath.

What was true in days of old is still true today. Men must go to Heaven God's Way if they are to go at all. Futile and foolish are men's attempts to reach the streets of gold by fasting, by re-

citing prayers or counting beads, by human sacrifices, by payments of money to priests or churches, by baptisms or church memberships, by lodge rites or community charities, or by any effort of "works" on their part. *It cannot be done!*

God's Way Only Through His Son

God's way is only through Christ. Our text records the words of God the Son: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." You cannot reject Him and go to Heaven! Acts 4:12 insists, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

God's Way only By Grace Through Faith

Furthermore, God's way through Christ is only by grace through faith. As we read in Ephesians 2:8, 9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Hebrews 11:6 adds, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

People are not saved by "living right" or by "doing good." They are saved only as they put their entire hope in the Lamb of God, even Christ Jesus. We read God's appraisal of man's salvation in Titus 3:5-7, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

That salvation, and therefore Heaven, is gained by simple faith is seen in scores of Scriptures. Samples which could be cited in John alone are: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name . . . And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life . . . He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. . . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. . . . But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 1:12; 3:14-16, 18, 36; 6:47; 20:31).

The word "believe" is set forth as the only condition of salvation more than one hundred times in the New Testament. The same New Testament uses the word "faith" some thirty-five times to describe this way of forgiveness and pardon. Altogether the two words are found one hundred and fifty times in the New Testament alone as the only conditions of salvation.

D. L. Moody tells of a woman who came to him saying, "You are always saying, 'Take, Take.' Is that all there is to salvation? Is that what God says or what you say?" The great evangelist took his Bible, turning to the closing pages as he said, "Madam, God has sealed His Word with the invitation to 'take.' Almost the last verse in the Bible says, 'And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.'"

Yes, our blessed Lord simply says, "Let him take." When He says "take," dare any mortal deny that salvation is a gift assured and received the moment the sin-

ner will only accept it? The way to Heaven is the road of grace made personal and sure by faith.

God's Way Only Through the New Birth

The way to Heaven is further defined in the third chapter of John as being only through the new birth. Jesus said in John 3:3, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." He said moreover, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:5-7).

If you could be born of your mother's womb the second time, or the hundredth time, or the thousandth time, it would be of no avail—you would still be born of the flesh. Jesus said that in order to gain Heaven you must be born of the Spirit. He answered the question raised by Nicodemus as to "how" this might be possible, by describing His death on the cross and assuring those who would "believe" on Him that the requirement for the new birth would be thus met. Said He, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

One more Bible observation we must make in answering the News' question, "Do You Think You Will Go to Heaven When You Die?" is that

Those Who Refuse God's Only Way Will Perish!

The Word of God contains scores of examples illustrating this terrible truth. One of the plainest, perhaps, is that of the ten virgins, given by Christ in the 25th of Matthew. These virgins all pretended to be ready to meet the coming bridegroom, but it turned out that only half were really prepared. Verses 10 through 12 state with finality the fate of these who had not properly met the conditions of the bridegroom's coming. We read, "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But He answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not." Thus were the foolish, unprepared virgins shut out from the fellowship and presence of the Lord.

Another noteworthy example is found in Matthew 7:21-23, where unsaved preachers and miracle-workers are shut out from Heaven. We read, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven [that is, they must come God's way according to God's terms if they want to enter God's Heaven]. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Do you not agree that if preachers and miracle-workers cannot get into Heaven unless they come God's way, then no one can?

Twice in Luke 13 the Lord Jesus declared, "I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." It is turn, or burn! Psalm 1:5, 6, in describing the two roads mankind travels, says, "Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish." The sinner's road always leads to Hell, never Heaven.

In the 17th verse of the 9th Psalm, we read, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." The end of the rebel trail is damnation in Hell, never does it curve around and wind up in Heaven.

Startlingly true are the words of the Lord spoken on the Mount in the Olivet discourse and recorded in Matthew 25:41, 46: "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for

the devil and his angels. . . . And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

Likewise are the words of terror summing up the Great Judgment Morning, found in the closing pages of the Bible, Revelation 20:14, 15, where we read, "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

The plain truth is that those who refuse to come God's way for salvation must spend eternity in the lake of fire. Well might you join in crying with Mary Kidder, Lord, I care not for riches, Neither silver nor gold;

I would make sure of Heaven, I would enter the fold.
In the book of Thy kingdom,
With its pages so fair,
Tell me, Jesus, my Saviour, Is my name written there?

Yet that very question is so simple to answer for yourself! The Book of Life simply contains the names of those who have eternal life; those who do not have that everlasting life of course do not have their names recorded. First John 5:12 tells us that, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." Yes, it's as simple as that! If you have Christ, you have life and your name is written there. If you do not have Christ, you do not have life and your name is not recorded there. What about it? Is your name written there?

Typical reasoning on the part of those whose names are not thus recorded is that of the sixth person interviewed by Jimmy Jemall in answering the question of our subject. That lady, you remember, said, "I'm still very young and I hope I'll have a lot of time to think and act."

Most folks feel they have plenty of time to decide for Christ and Heaven. But what saith the Scriptures? Proverbs 27:1 declares, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow: for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Two chapters further in the Book opens, "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." And Ecclesiastes 12:1 warns, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

The language of the Bible is always, "now" "today" and kindred expressions when describing God's time for salvation. The Devil will agree to any other time, but God always insists upon this moment. What about you today? Will you listen to God and trust Christ or will you manifest the folly of a man who listens to Satan?

One of the most striking Gospel tracts I ever read contained the essence of a story told by a young paratrooper to Dr. Carl Henry in Chicago. It seems that this lad was one of ten taken high into the air in a giant training plane for their first jump. At the given signal the ten lined up at the door of the plane; he was the third in line.

The first man stepped to the door, paused, then bravely walked out into space. His chute opened and he later landed safely. The second man stepped to the door, paused, then stepped back, trembling, from the line. Then this third boy, who told Dr. Henry the story, bravely stepped to the door, paused, looked, and jumped. He, too, had a successful jump and a safe landing.

However, immediately after he cleared the plane, before another could leap, there was a terrific explosion and every man aboard that plane perished, including the boy who had been second in line but failed to leap. He had missed his last chance!

Dear unsaved friend, God is giving you a chance to step into His so great salvation, which includes that home in Heaven. Will you take it? Don't miss your chance! I'm going to Heaven; I know

that! Urgently, earnestly I beseech you to go with me. Will you? There is absolutely nothing to keep you from Heaven but your own rebellious will. You can be saved if you will be saved! "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13).

Delay for that young paratrooper meant death. Delay for you as a sinner may spell Hell! In the words of Britain's prince of preachers, "Hell is a reality realized too late!"

"In my Father's house are many mansions . . . Thomas saith unto him, Lord . . . how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way" (John 14:2, 5, 6).

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A Wonderful and Horrible Thing

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broadcasting. Well, we know there are many good programs on the air and there are some not so good. Mine might be classified with many that are not so good but we do try to tell the truth. Perhaps we offend many people by telling them the truth and run contrary to many peoples' opinions but, as I wrote to this man, it does not matter what I say unless I can back it up with the Bible. The argument is not with me; it is with the Word of God. If you say it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are good and try to do your best, that is no argument with me. The Bible is here, and God says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." That is the old way. 'Stand ye in the old paths where is the good way and walk ye therein.'

Thus the thing that God calls wonderful and horrible is not murder, or drunkenness or gambling or sex sin; it is the thing that is being committed right in our pulpits. Please forgive me when I say this but it is the truth. Men want to know the truth if they are honest.

A man wrote and told me that at first he used to turn our program off the minute he heard it, but one day he listened to it a bit, and then the next time he listened a bit longer, and then one day God saved him. Now he is a regular listener and he said, "I think your program is the best on the air." First, he thought it was the worst and now he thought it was the best. The whole thing was that he did not want to be told of his sin. He did not want to hear about Heaven and Hell. He wanted to live as he pleased. He didn't

want to hear the truth; so I hurt his feelings; so he thought very unkindly of me. Now, thank God, he is a born-again Christian.

A wonderful and horrible thing is being committed in the land. The prophets prophesied falsely. Friend, if you have a preacher who is telling you the truth, if he preaches the Word of God so plain that he makes you a little bit angry, you can go home and say, "Thank God." You have a preacher who is telling the truth. He is the best friend that you ever had. Don't listen to the preacher who flatters you, who tells you that you are all right. That is false teaching. This cannot be backed up by the Word of God. The Bible tells us that we must be born again, we must accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

If this little message has made you a bit angry, please know that it is only because we want to tell you the truth. Please let God come into your heart and life and know the truth of God.

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right to expect Christ to come at any time.

3. You say that you feel "that the second coming should be preached in every sermon from now on so that people will have the opportunity to accept and hear the truth once more. I believe it would bring about another Pentecost... Am I wrong?"

ANSWER: Yes, you are wrong. People are to preach the whole counsel of God. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable. And unless preachers preach against sin, and preach Hell and judgment, and the blood of Christ as well as the Second Coming, there will be no Pentecost. The Second Coming is a wonderful doctrine; and it is taught in the Bible and ought to be preached. But it ought not to be preached out of proportion to other great truths in the Bible.

In the Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice

Should She Leave S.B.C.?

A good Christian woman writes asking whether she should leave a Southern Baptist church, and I have answered her letter prayerfully. I hope it will be a blessing to others.

Dear Mrs. C—:

Thank you for your letter.

You say, "I'm so glad you are bold in your statements regarding the tactics and modernism of the American Baptist Convention. However, I don't understand why we Southern Baptists should belong to the Southern Baptist Convention. We have modernism and awful worldliness and some of the schools are as bad as those in the A.B.C. or N.B.C. We have a Baptist college here in Rome..."

In my judgment, there is a great deal of difference between the American Baptist Convention (formerly called the Northern Baptist Convention), and the Southern Baptist Convention. For one thing, Bible believers are in the great majority among Southern Baptists and even among the leaders of Southern Baptists. You say that Southern Baptists have some schools as bad as those of the Northern Baptists. That may be true. But I do not have evidence that that is true. I do know that

there is some modernism among some Southern Baptist schools. And I believe that no Christian has a right to support modernism in any form, and I hope you will not do so. If you know of a school that has a single professor who is a modernist, then you have a right to believe he is there by the choice of the administration; and you ought not to send a dollar of support that will go to that school. In a Southern Baptist church as in any other Baptist church, you have a right to designate your money where God leads you to give it. And most good churches will grant that right freely. I would simply designate money only to go to schools or mission enterprises that I knew were sound. If the church does not allow that, then it is a simple thing to simply withhold your money and give it outside the church. No one has a right to try to coerce a Christian into giving money against his conscience or to any cause that does not honor Jesus Christ and does not honor the Bible. So you have a right to be bold and determined in this matter. Give money only where you know it will be used to the glory of God. Any cause that asks for a Christian's money should be perfectly willing to prove that it is sound and above board. Any cause that is not willing to prove that should be distrusted.

I think that any church, which demands that every dollar of gifts must be put into the church treasury without any strings or without any say as to where it goes, has forfeited the allegiance of its members. Ordinarily I believe that Christians should support the full church program, when it is a good program. But when a church does not set out to clearly support only sound objects, then the members have a right to designate where their gifts shall go. I believe your church will gladly permit that.

I believe the mass of Southern Baptists are sound. They are sometimes worldly, but that is not enough reason to leave a church. The church at Corinth was worldly, but Paul did not advise any of the Christians there to pull out. He rather urged them to clean up the church, to put out the man living in adultery, and to be revived. And that is what we should do in all of our churches where they

believe the Bible and are sound in major doctrines. We should help clean up the churches and pray for the pastors and back up the work the best we can. I would advise that you do not leave your church if they will allow you to designate your funds, giving only to sound objects that will glorify God, and if the pastor believes the Bible and preaches it, as I feel sure he does.

In the Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice.

Did Lot And Samson Lose Their Salvation?

A Kansas friend writes:

"I was teaching a class of women and I said (quoting from Brother Rice's book, *The Ruin of a Christian*), that though Lot was backslidden and sinful—he was counted righteous, etc., and I gave II Peter 2:7, 8 as reference: "And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked. (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds"). Then I added that sin should be avoided like leprosy, that it breaks our fellowship, joy, and could even cost us our lives, etc., and named Achan, Moses, Ananias and Sapphira, etc.

Well, one was a Christian minister's wife and she came back at me with, 'For God to take one's physical life cannot be judgment for Paul says, "To go to Heaven is better than here." So, for God to strike one dead would be far better and wouldn't be judgment if Lot was saved,' etc., etc. You see, the real point is: It is hard for her to believe God's Word about Lot being righteous for she asked me, "How do you know Lot repented of his sins?" She said that Samson lost his salvation, for God took His Spirit. I confess, I sure didn't know the answer to her first question—Heaven is better than earth if Lot was saved. He went to the Lord.

"Please write me an answer. I believe it, for God's Word says it. I, too, believe Lot will be in the 'basement of Heaven' (aren't there degrees of joy in Heaven?). I can't see how Lot would share joy with (or as) Paul."

The Editor's Answer

Dear Mrs. H—:

I think you answered the matter very sensibly about Lot. However, I make some suggestions that may be helpful.

1. In I Corinthians 11:29-32 we find a remarkable Bible teaching about Christians who were punished with sickness and even with death for their sin, but not lost, not "condemned with the world." Read that passage carefully and show it to your friends.

"For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world."

Note that the Lord is speaking to Christians in the church at Corinth. Because of eating and drinking at the Lord's table unworthily, some of them were weak and sickly and others had already died. But the word used for death here is "sleep." A Christian's body sleeps at death, but that word is not used about the death of lost people.

And then verse 32 plainly tells us that this was a chastening from the Lord, brought in judgment so that they should not be condemned with the world. God punishes His children so that in His mercy He will have a right not to send them to Hell.

2. But to go immediately to Heaven is not always immediate gain. For Paul, living right, and a great soul winner, "to die is gain," and to depart and be with the Lord was far better. But for a Christian living in sin to meet God means to come immediately to judgment of his works, as I Corinthians 3:10-15 tells us.

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth

thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

At that judgment seat of Christ for Christians already up in Heaven, we are told: "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." Here is a man saved and in Heaven being judged for his works and suffering loss, though he himself is not condemned to Hell, but is "saved; yet so as by fire."

It is clear, then, that Christians who do wrong must give an account of their wrong and will lose reward in Heaven for it, though they do not lose salvation. Certainly there are different degrees of happiness in Heaven. Those who suffer with Christ shall reign with Him. Those whose works are only wood, hay and stubble, will find these works are burned up and will find that in Heaven they suffer loss, receive no reward, but are just saved so as by fire.

3. The complaint that Samson lost his soul because the Spirit of the Lord departed from him is not a very sensible argument, for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon a prophet does not mean salvation but means a supernatural endowment of power on one who is already a Christian. If you will read again what the Bible has to say about Samson, that will be very clear.

Judges 13:25 says about Samson: "And the Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol." Does that mean that Samson was saved at times and lost between times?

In Judges 14:6 the Scripture says, "And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him..." and Samson killed a lion.

In Judges 14:19, and again in Judges 15:14 the Bible says repeatedly that "the Spirit of the Lord came upon him," and "the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him." It is obvious that the Scripture does not mean that Samson got saved every time the Spirit of the Lord came upon him. Rather, the Holy Spirit came on him with mighty power to do

miracles for God. But when Samson sinned, then he lost his power to work miracles for the time being.

I thank you for your letter and I thank you for the lovely gift for the Building Fund. You will receive the premium books. And a receipt is enclosed.

In the dear Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice

Where Do Sword Profits Go?

Answering a Pastor Who Accuses the Editor of Getting Richer By Not Paying the Sword Staff Fairly, Shows That the Sword of the Lord is a Non-Profit Corporation, and That No Profits May Accrue to the Editor or His Family. Editor Gets No Salary From Sword

The following letter was written in answer to a California Baptist pastor whom we will not name, to avoid embarrassing him.

The letter came a year and a half ago and was answered October 1, 1952, but the facts remain as they were then, as far as our non-profit status goes, and in that no salary or royalty or profit comes to the editor. As the editor recalls the pastor nobly withdrew his charges when he knew the facts, as any honest man would. We believe the facts will be interesting to all.

Dear Brother B—:

Your letter, making very serious charges against me, has been received, and I answer briefly. You say, "I received my first issue of THE SWORD today..."

"I have never heard you speak. I have never met you. I have, however, heard much about you. I have never heard a good thing about you, but I have heard much that is to your discredit." And then you say that after reading one issue of THE SWORD OF THE

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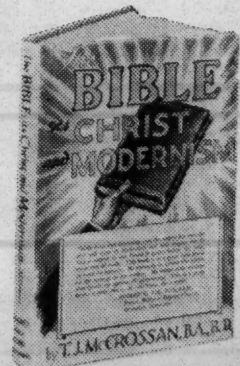
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The Editor Answers

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LORD, you are "a full believer" in what you have heard.

Then in taking up for the corruption and socialism of the New Deal administration, you say the following:

"It is easy for me to understand why you are so strongly opposed to labor in this article. No doubt, this matter of paying your staff a livable wage has been a problem to you. How can John R. Rice get richer and still pay his staff fairly? You say you can't because the Democrats are in office? So let's punish the 'boys' in Washington. I'll keep my normal rate of profit and give my workers less."

Don't you feel, Brother B——, that you were a little hasty in making such charges, when you had only read one issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, had never heard me speak, never met me, and knew nothing about the facts in the case?

You say that you have heard much that is to my discredit. I think that is not surprising, when you remember that I have taken sides on all the principal controversial questions relating to Christian doctrine and morals in America, and have printed my clear statements on these matters. Naturally anybody taking a positive stand for the complete verbal inspiration of the Bible, against worldliness of every kind, against modernism, and for revival and soul winning, always would have some opposition. Modernists and compromisers do not like me because I insist that Christians should come out and be separate from unbelievers. Naturally a-millennialists and post-millennialists do not like my stand for the premillennial coming of Jesus Christ. Compromising Christians including lodge members, tobacco users, and movie fans do not like me because of the very clear stand I have taken on those questions in my books. Socialists and New Dealers who believe in taking by force or by law property that belongs to those who have earned it, and giving it to those who have not earned it to buy their votes, naturally do not like me.

However, I am reminded that Jesus plainly taught that Christians ought to have enemies and would have enemies if they were true. In Luke 6:22, 23, 26, Jesus said: "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets... Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets."

At least it is to my credit that I have some enemies for Jesus' sake.

Your other charge, that I make a profit out of the Sword of the Lord and do it by paying the staff less than fair wages, has not a single element of truth in it. In the first place, the Sword of the Lord Foundation is a non-profit corporation just like a church or a Christian school, and no profits can come from the work to any individual. Mrs. Rice and I signed a quit-claim deed to all the property of the Sword of the Lord building, equipment, the stock of books, the machines and desks, etc., with the clear agreement that if there were any profit it could not come to me nor to my heirs. I have invested thousands of dollars and many years of work in the Sword of the Lord, and I voluntarily gave up all claim on the property and all hope of profit from it. I do not want any returns from my investment, and I could not get any returns from it in money if I desired. The Sword of the Lord paper, the book publishing business, the buildings, the stock, the equipment, do not even belong to me. They belong to the Sword of the Lord Foundation, a non-profit corporation chartered under the laws of Illinois as of January 1, 1947. Suppose that Moody Bible Institute or Wheaton College should, some year, find that their income from tuition,

board, fine arts, lessons, and other causes, was so great as to leave a surplus after expenses were paid. That is very improbable. But suppose such a school did make an actual cash profit. Would that money then become the property of the president? Certainly not! It would have to be used in the work of the school. The school does not belong to the president. And in exactly the same way, the property of the Sword of the Lord does not belong to me at all; and if there should be any profit, it could not accrue to me or to my family in any way.

We pay our workers modest salaries, it is true. They about equal salaries for similar jobs paid at Wheaton College and Moody Bible Institute. They are not quite as much as the same workers could get in Chicago in secular work. But it is our constant care to see that wages are raised to meet added living expenses and in proportion to the value of the work done. These sixty-five or more workers are with the Sword of the Lord as a matter of conviction, to get out the Gospel. All of them have surrendered to full-time Christian service. All of them came to their present position with the Sword of the Lord with the clear understanding that they were giving themselves to the Lord's work just as if they were being sent as foreign missionaries. We have raised wages many times, as people's work deserved it and as living costs rose, but we almost never had any request for increase in salaries. We have raised salaries voluntarily, and generally without any request from the workers.

Now this non-profit status of the Sword of the Lord Foundation is clearly established. The government went over our books in great detail and besides being given a charter by the State of Illinois, the federal government has released us from income taxes, and the state and county have released us from property tax and unemployment compensation tax. So there can be no possible question that we are living up to our duty in this matter and, as a non-profit corporation, we deserve the continual support and help of Christian people.

I am embarrassed to add, but feel I must do so lest some should be misled by evil propaganda, that I take no salary from the Sword of the Lord whatever. I have never taken a salary for a single week from the Sword of the Lord as editor. I get no salary as president of the corporation and director of it. I get no pay for the long hours spent in preparing THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I get no pay for the articles I write for THE SWORD. I get no commission on subscriptions that I get for THE SWORD. My work with the Sword of the Lord Foundation is a labor of love, without pay. My income is from offerings in my revivals and offerings from individuals who feel impressed to help take care of my needs and those of my family. I never set a price on my services anywhere. I never make any appeal for funds for myself. God has wonderfully provided for me through the years, and I have no complaint. We live rather modestly, my daughters work to help pay their way through college, and to help buy their clothes. I own my home, at 512 West Franklin Street in Wheaton, a house sixty or seventy years old, but large and comfortable for our big family. I own my car. I suppose I have less than \$100 in the bank, and I have one \$100 government bond, as I recall. So your charges are baseless and utterly untrue. I have no doubt that those charges were made out of ignorance of the facts, and not with any intent to do harm. But I felt I owed it to you to tell you honestly the facts in the matter. If, for any reason, you doubt any of my statements, I hope you will make further investigation and find out for yourself.

I hope that after you read THE SWORD OF THE LORD more, that you will feel differently about it and the editor.

The Saviour's blessing upon you.

In His name, Yours,
John R. Rice

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(By Viola Walden)

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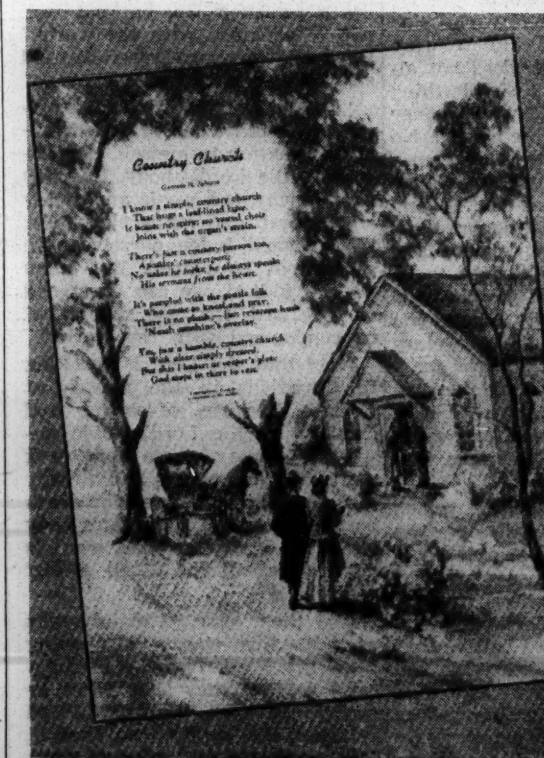


"I heard Mommy say one day that she was coming to believe that the only important thing in this world was a person's relationship to God and his faith in Jesus Christ. Then she said she was actually grateful to You for sending me in my handicapped condition, because I had made her walk closer to You. She was always reading her Bible, and when she went off with Daddy to San Francisco to testify to Your love in that big convention, I was proud of them. They were not just talking; they were practicing."

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Ideals

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All About Christian Giving

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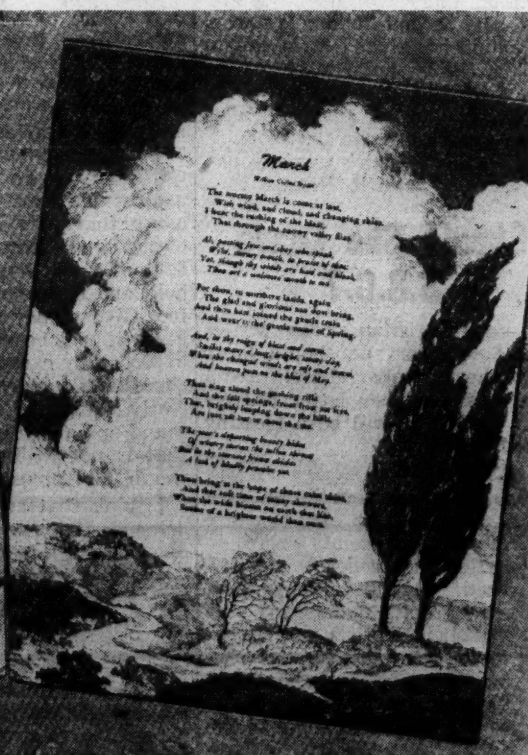
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The Kinsey Report . . . Bible

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sex"; that is, "information not biased by moral, philosophic or social considerations."

It was back in 1948 that the professor's volume on the human male was published; a book which sold one quarter of a million copies and which, we are told, "excited a taste for stronger stuff."

The "stronger stuff" is now upon us and we are witnessing the most brazen and blasphemous attack ever made on our citizens, our country, our churches, our Christ and our God!

This revolutionary scientist, together with his three collaborators, moved out across America to interrogate 5,940 women who were lewd enough to be thus cross-examined, and then audaciously presented to the world a book that Kinsey thinks measures the norm of our society.

We are told that copies of this volume sold for \$500 each out in the Middle West just a few weeks before its official release. American people, by the thousands, are now purchasing it at \$8.00 a copy. How gullible can mortals become?

If there ever was an unscientific book it is this. Think of measuring multiplied millions of American women by a few thousand who indiscreetly talk of the most intimate aspects of their lives. No decent lady would voluntarily submit to such embarrassing interrogation.

This book is one of the most detrimental dissertations ever to be circulated among our people. It constitutes an attack on our American way of life more overwhelming than that of Pearl Harbor and the tragedy of it all is this—we are as unaware of our mortal adversary, materialistic sociology, as we were of our foe on that sunlit Sunday morning back in December of 1941 when the Zeros came screaming out of the skies over our Pacific outpost.

Now, there are three diabolical declarations made by the doctor from Indiana in his latest report to the American people. The first false assertion is that

I. Man is a Machine

The whole content of this eight-hundred-page volume preaches eloquently to the American people that man is mere matter in motion. It would tell us that although the chemical laboratory of the human body is very complex and delicately adjusted, it is nothing more than a matter machine.

While the eminent biologist does not discuss his personal religious convictions, his writings have a strong atheistic taint upon them and, of course, the ultimate of atheism teaches that man is merely a machine.

Jacques Loeb, the late Professor of Zoology at the University of California, sums it up very aptly when he says, "We ourselves are only chemical mechanisms. An idea is caused by chemical changes of the body. All moods are produced by various chemicals called hormones, that are manufactured by the different glands."

And this is exactly what Doctor Kinsey and his co-authors state time and time again—that man is a mere lump of matter which responds in prescribed patterns to certain stimuli.

What an insult to our intelligence is this materialistic conception! In other words, we are at the mercy of the atoms that comprise us, and whether we walk, or run, or talk, or think, or repent, or worship, or fall in love, it is simply the inevitable result of the arrangement of these minute but mighty atoms.

Yes, this insidious volume comes whispering to the American people that life is nothing more or less than the product of impersonal forces and a plaything of impersonal forces, whose iron grip cannot be broken.

Dr. James D. Bales employs this jingle to describe this doleful philosophy:

*It appears to me now that I am
Just a being that moves
In predestined grooves.*

I am not even a bus; I am a tram.

A bus does not have to stay in one track, but a tram, a street car, does, and these laboratory wizards would tell us that man is nothing more than a machine.

We are told that while Kinsey was just a lad in grade school, his first published article, *What Birds Do in the Rain*, appeared in a nature journal. And, when he began his work at Indiana University, he made a study of the gall wasp.

Now, if this professor had confined his studies to birds and insects, he might have made a real contribution to mankind, but when he started his investigation of human beings, Kinsey invaded a field of research for which he was not equipped.

No scientist who thinks of man as nothing more than a purely biological animal is qualified to do research of this nature, for man is more than body—he is likewise soul and spirit!

You see, the author of this scandalous book, like his colleagues, has been deluded by the evolutionary hypothesis, and is likewise blinded to spiritual truth.

The "Father of Evolution," Charles Darwin, declared very bluntly, "Man, as I have attempted to show, is certainly descended from some ape-like being. He may not have been a social animal, and yet have lived with several wives, like the gorilla."

I wish that the peoples of earth could understand that Mr. Darwin's evolutionary hypothesis is but a hypothesis still. It is regrettable that so many of our leading scholars and scientists have willingly bowed at the shrine of error and based their philosophy and classroom utterances upon a theory that has never been adequately and conclusively proven correct. It is likewise regrettable that American people are constantly subjected to this devilish evolutionary teaching. We are confronted by it in pulpit and press, as well as in public and private institutions of learning.

But, thank God, there are many men of learning who have not swallowed this erratic theory. I was thrilled when I noticed the following letter to the Editors of *Life* magazine in connection with their current science series. The fact that it was written by a scientist on the staff of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, adds to its pungency.

"Sirs:

"The Pageant of Life' is a subtle denial of God and sick with the heinous germs of an evolutionist's claim to absolute positivism, relegating man to an animalistic and mundane classification. . . . May I say, as a scientist, that when you so authoritatively propound as dogma that '... all substantial opposition to its major tenets vanished—among scientists at least,' you have assumed one protoplasmic molecule too much. . . ."

Yes, in his pseudo-scientific research, Kinsey follows the trail which is blazed back to the brute. It is impossible for a man with such biased ideas as to the origin of matter and man to give wholesome advice on the marriage relationship.

Man did not evolve from some germ in the primitive slime. The Bible says, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7). These words of the Inspired Record make it crystal clear that man was created at the direct fiat of God.

Shortly before he died, Professor Darwin all but refuted his conjecture concerning the origin of the species when he said, "It is the human eye that haunts me!" He knew that there was a divine something in the intelligent gleam in the eye of man that was immeasurably different from the dull gaze in the eye of the ape.

The professor from Bloomington would lead us, like deranged Nebuchadnezzar of old, out into the fields to mingle with the cattle and become one with the beasts of the jungle.

Now, the second lie the Kinsey Report promulgates is that

II. Marriage is a Mockery

Whereas in his first volume this zoologist stuck closely to statistics, in this book on the human female he tells us not only what they do

but what they should do, and he very bluntly asserts that a girl's chances for a happy married life are enhanced by pre-marital relationships!

One leading marriage counselor made this observation: "We . . . obviously cannot translate this into advice for young girls. They still must live within certain codes and mores, and openly flouting them might lead to even greater unhappiness."

But, my dear reader, the tragedy is this—millions of American youth will read this book and, having little or no religious instruction to restrict them, will say: "Well, everyone else is doing it, why shouldn't I?"

Here is a perfect illustration of what I mean. A young lady, just eighteen, recently wrote to a well-known "advice to the love-lorn" counselor about the boy-girl relationships of her college campus. She stated there were twice as many girls as boys and if a coed wanted to have "dates" she was expected to have "affairs."

The perplexed young lady thus far had remained true to her high ideals but, she said, "I will be inclined to give in to keep from being without a boy friend."

Now what effect do you think the Kinsey Report would have on this girl, were she to read it? The answer is quite obvious. And this diabolical dissertation, parading under the guise of scientific research, is destined to take a heavy toll in souls blighted and bodies blasted on American college campuses.

To assert that this dangerous publication is a direct assault on the marriage unit and a denunciation of the Hebrew and Christian religions is an understatement indeed. If its devilish teaching were accepted by the majority of Americans, our home life would be crushed, our churches would be abolished, our Bibles would be destroyed or, what is just as bad, ignored; the very foundation of our freedoms would be swept away, and our country would go the way of Egypt, Syria, Babylon, Rome, France and Germany.

Be it remembered that the immediate consequence of the atheistic revolt in Russia against God and His Anointed was the attempt to demolish the home unit.

One of our leading literary critics had this to say when reviewing Doctor Kinsey's book: "The trouble with specialists is that they are often so profoundly ignorant in all fields except their own. It seems to me that the good doctor would profit by a general course in reading to help him realize the basis upon which civilization has

Grace Notes

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and them. Then, 'when they had sung an hymn,' He calmly led them out to the Garden of Gethsemane. The 'hymn' was part of the established order for observing the Feast of the Passover. It included glowing words of triumph to bear men up in times of testing. He who is our Example in all things went inspired by the words He had sung and endured bravely to the end. His followers took the same words upon their lips, but they were words only. Failing to relate the faith of the fathers and the promises of God to their coming ordeal, the Apostles 'forsook Him and fled.' It is fatally easy for us to follow in their steps rather than in the steps of the Master. . . .

"On the general question, 'Can hymns be harmful?' we can safely say that no hymn, which really is a hymn true to God's Truth and the Gospel, can ever, in itself, be other than helpful. But hymns may be abused by insincerity, superficiality and formalism on the part of those who read and sing them; then they may actually hinder instead of help. . . . It is possible, by God's grace and our own intelligent endeavor, to combat the temptations which arise concerning the use of hymns."

Certainly once we recognize the

been built, and why, in fact, man is much more than biological, being also economic, artistic and ethical." And I might add "spiritual."

Continues the critic: "Human society is constructed upon the fact that for certain desirable ends man has found it necessary partly to control and sublimate some of his most powerful biological impulses."

"This energy, channeled into socially profitable activities, has given us all the arts and sciences, (Continued on page 11)

danger, we ought to guard against it, and make sure that we not only think what we say in hymns, but mean it. The author tells of an old saint, deeply devoted to his Lord, who makes a point of noting down the numbers of all the hymns at every service he attends. Then, in his private waiting upon God, he reads them through again, slowly and prayerfully, asking pardon if he has taken any of the vows and promises too lightly. He says this is one of the chief blessings which spring from his participation in hymn-singing, and from church attendance.

That might not be necessary for us, as a matter of general practice, but to do it once or twice would undoubtedly be a great lesson for most of us, bringing sharp realization that we often do not know what we are singing—and often do not care! Perhaps after a few such soul-searching sessions, we would sing more carefully, more prayerfully—and surely, with God's help, could "live more nearly as we pray"—and sing!

— THE END —

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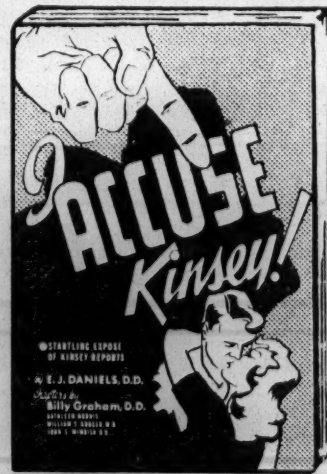
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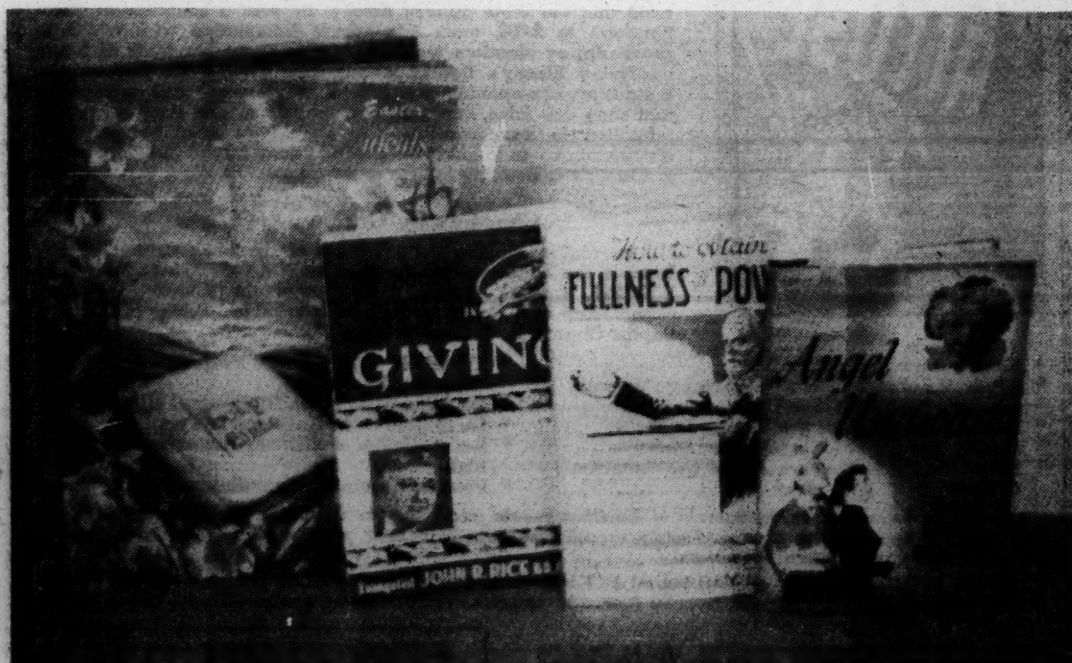
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The Kinsey Report . . . Bible

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philosophy, government and the freedom-giving industrial complex which allows for a culture. It has even given us the leisure to allow a specialist like Dr. Kinsey to spend his life in valuable research."

Yes, Doctor Kinsey is a specialist in his field, but he is totally blinded to the spiritual side of man. He thinks of us as merely highly developed beasts, and marriage but an exalted form of animal mating. He consequently feels that we must be governed alone by brute impulses. And so, with his pseudo-scientific research and its erroneous conclusions, he literally screams to the American people: "Down with decency!"

"Down with purity!"

"Down with constancy!"

"Let us kill conscience and destroy convictions!"

"Let us throw off all restraint!"

Now, if we were to follow to their logical conclusions the suggestions of Doctor Kinsey and his colleagues, we would arrive at the abolition of monogamy as promulgated by Professor Rudolph M. Binder of New York University. This is what the radical sociologist advocated in his volume, *Principles of Sociology: "Monogamy, with its lifelong hold on both parties is incompatible with personal freedom. Divorce entails expense, trouble, and a certain stigma as long as present social attitudes prevail; it is better, consequently, to have no marriage ceremony at all and simply have those who love each other live together as husband and wife as long as they agree with each other. Monogamy is only a fallacy which many people believe in but few really observe."*

Another revolutionary sociologist, Professor Edward A. Ross, of the University of Wisconsin, in his volume, *The Outlines of Sociology*, jubilantly prophesies: "The endeavor to institutionalize a thing so intimate and personal as mating . . . will be abandoned as mankind becomes more enlightened."

It is not difficult to understand the reasoning of these pathetic professors when we remember they actually believe that we evolved from the apes!

Some of our learned scholars say modern man loves to sit before an open fire in winter because his beastly forebear sat before the campfire at the opening of his cave, and that June marriages are so popular today because that was the mating season at the dawn of life.

Think of that! Personally, I believe that we enjoy sitting before an open fire in winter simply because it is cold outside, and young people prefer June for weddings because there is less chance for snow storms or heat waves.

Now, Doctor Kinsey's demoniacal volume would tell the American people, as did an earlier newspaper article, that marriage began something like this:

"A savage woman, half human, half ape, with rough, matted locks hanging around her face, sits holding her new-born baby, protecting it from wind and cold. It is a queer baby, covered perhaps with reddish hair, its brow no higher than a rat's. Its jaw protrudes; its tiny, grimy hands clutch with monkey power all things within reach."

"Along comes the father, full of plans to kill a mammoth or a cave bear; interested in his stone-tipped club, but caring nothing for the mother, who has been for some time only a whining nuisance. He stops for a second to look at the small creature which he has added to earth's animal life."

"Its misshapen skull, ferret eyes, miniature shoulders—something about it reminds him of his royal self as studied in the pool. He stoops to look closer. His bristly hairs are grabbed, and a weird, insane, toothless grin lights up the little monkey face."

"Then the savage takes a new view of life; there the marriage institution and the marriage problem are born simultaneously. Says the mammoth-hunter, with whistling words and hoarse throat-sounds half articulated, 'I like this baby. He's like me. Let me hold him. Don't you go

out with him looking for food, and don't leave him alone while I'm gone. I've got a bear located. No one can beat me killing bears. I'll bring a bear's heart to you this evening. You can give this baby some of the blood. It will do him good."

"Don't have anything to say to that mammoth-hunter in the next swamp. I want you to stick to me. I'll look after you. I have taken a fancy to that baby. He looks very much like me."

"Off goes the father, and that savage mother in a primitive way is a wife. . . Society takes a new turn, and the red-haired baby has done it."

It is simply amazing what some people will accept in order not to accept the Bible!

The Bible declares marriage to be a holy bond. It was God who, in the Paradise of Eden, made the race male and female, for the Bible tells us, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Gen. 1:27).

It was God who said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him" (Gen. 2:18).

It was God who commanded, "Be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:28).

It was God who declared for peoples of all generations, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh" (Gen. 2:24).

And the Lord Jesus Christ placed His seal upon the sanctity of marriage when, at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, He performed His first miracle and the unconscious water saw its Creator and blushed.

Marriage comes down to us as a symbol of the mystical union between Christ and His Church, for the Apostle Paul said, "The husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church" (Eph. 5:23).

Doctor Kinsey has made the tragic error of omitting the spiritual aspect of sex and recognizing only the physical. I only wish that he could stand where I stand and see the beautiful light shining from the eyes of young people who come to the holy marriage altar. If he could see that light, perhaps he could come to understand that there is a vast difference between man and a monkey.

Yes, the former gall wasp enthusiast and his collaborators, blinded by the teachings of Nietzsche and Freud, would say that marriage is a mockery.

Not only that, but they would have us believe the wicked falsehood that

III. Moralify is a Menace

Not only undesirable, but a menace! According to Doctor Kinsey, the school, the home and the church are responsible for "sexual inhibitions," a "distaste of all aspects of sex" and the "feelings of guilt" which accompany many women in their marriage relationships. This man, with his behavioristic philosophy, would suggest that we lower our moral standards to that of the animals and be guided only by our fleshly impulses.

It is not surprising that Mr. Robert M. Yerkes, Chairman of the Committee of Research in Problems of Sex, 1922-1947, and his successor, Mr. George W. Corner, in their foreword to the bulky 842-page book eulogize the Austrian psychiatrist, Sigmund Freud, and commend the illustrious Doctor Kinsey for building well on Freud's foundation.

Now, we all are acquainted with the diabolical teaching of the originator of psychoanalysis. With his facile pen dipped in the ink of infidelity, he sought to undermine the ancient Hebraic code of morals which was delivered to Moses on the storm-smitten summit of Sinai by the Lord God Jehovah. This evil man taught that self-restraint is dangerous, that repressing our base passions threatens sanity and causes all manner of neuroses. And Doctor Kinsey's conclusions are based on this hellish philosophy!

I cannot help but agree with Mr. Sterling North who makes this observation concerning this vicious volume:

"For one thing, the emphasis is wrong. That roughly 50 per cent of all married men and 74 per cent of all married women are faithful to their chosen mates is far more important to the stability of our society than the fact that smaller percentages deviate."

"That Dr. Kinsey seems to look with complete leniency upon homosexuals and sodomists does not change the fact that their curious forms of gratification serve absolutely no social purpose."

"Men are also natural killers, but should we therefore condone murder? Some men are also sadists, but should we condone concentration camp brutality? Will Dr. Kinsey finally suggest that we exonerate and turn loose upon society men who molest children, frequently injuring or killing them in the process? All perfectly 'natural,' isn't it, Dr. Kinsey?"

"And how about the 'biological' excuse that all of these deviations occur in other parts of the animal kingdom? Shall we start now sucking blood like vampire bats, or killing for sheer joy like the weasel. . . ?"

Yes, the emphasis definitely is wrong! Every city has its garbage dumps where the refuse of a metropolis is deposited, but we do not glorify the garbage. We do not photograph the sordid scenes and picture them in our magazines and newspapers, nor do we route our sight-seeing busses past the odorous sloughs and call attention to the disease-laden filth. However, we proudly tell the world about our hospitals and churches and educational institutions and humane organizations. In other words, we accentuate the beautiful and minimize the ugly.

But Doctor Kinsey has reversed the order. He has placed the emphasis on the sensual and ignored the spiritual; he has exalted the base and deplored the beautiful. He has done more than this—he has suggested to the people of America that they walk down the broad way of moral disintegration, disease and death!

Blasphemous comparisons have been made between the Kinsey Report and the Bible, but there is a tremendous differentiation between them. The Kinsey Report commends immorality, whereas the Bible condemns immorality. The Kinsey Report promulgates promiscuity, whereas the Bible promotes purity. There is not a verse in the Word of God that teaches sex in itself to be a sin; however, the Bible emphatically teaches against the wrong use of sex.

It is one of the irrefutable proofs of the authenticity of the Scriptures that the Bible mercilessly unveils the moral blunders of its heroes—the drunkenness of Noah, the murderous act of Moses, the adultery of David, the cursing of Peter—but remember, the Bible always points the finger of condemnation and says, in tones of thunder, "Thou art the man."

The Bible never tells a story of sin simply for its sensational recital, but it tells the story to teach others of the subtlety of sin and the antagonism of the adversary. The Bible always apprehends the culprit and drags him to the bar of justice.

Millions of Americans have been deluded by the erroneous idea that morality is relative, but it is a lie from the very pit of Hell. On the authority of God's Holy Word I declare *morals are not relative; morals are absolute.*

The Seventh Commandment is not debatable: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." And you will remember that Jesus gave a higher law when He said, "But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matt. 5:28).

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ready in his heart" (Matt. 5:28).

And the Apostle Paul makes it plain that no immoral person can inherit the kingdom of God when he says, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God" (I Cor. 6:9, 10).

As our civilization totters on the brink of chaos, we need to remember that God destroyed the antediluvians with the flood because of immorality. God destroyed the cities of the plain with fire and brimstone because of immorality, and what was wrong in the days of Noah and the days of Sodom and Gomorrah is still wrong today. May God have mercy on our nation when religion is frowned upon and Kinsey is idolized!

Now, Doctor Kinsey's three erroneous assertions; man is a machine, marriage is a mockery and morality is a menace, are the logical outcome of his basic tenet—

IV. Materialism is the Maxim

Webster defines "materialism" as "any theory which considers the facts of the universe to be sufficiently explained by the existence of nature and matter."

With the sharp scalpel of his statistics and diagrams, he has cut the soul out of man and left him nakedly trembling on the brink of an awful abyss beyond which he knows nothing. The blasphemous biologist from Bloomington stands on the world's stage and, like the Epicureans of old, tells the unwary masses, "Let us eat, drink

and be merry, for tomorrow we die!"

The foreword of Doctor Kinsey's book emphatically states that its authors have "large faith in the values of knowledge but little faith in ignorance." However, their writings leave no doubt that they are totally ignorant of the significant teaching of the Scriptures. There is one verse I would like to call to the attention of these rabid researchers, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34).

Russian communism has found a potent ally in Dr. Alfred Charles Kinsey. If the American people forsake the principles of purity upon which our nation was founded and turn liberty into license and law into licentiousness, as Doctor Kinsey advocates, then America is doomed!

It is the irrevocable law of God that "whatever a man [or a nation] soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7).

But, beloved, the Bible also tells us, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9), and "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

God "is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9), and He would forgive all of the 5,940 women whose case histories became part of the Kinsey Report if they would but repent and seek His forgiveness. Then they too, like the woman taken in adultery, could hear His words of pardon, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more" (John 8:11).



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